

Monday, January 5, 2015

At a regular meeting of the City Council, in the City of Woonsocket, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island in Harris Hall on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7 P.M.

All members are present.

The prayer is read by the Clerk. The Pledge of Allegiance is given by the assembly.

The following persons addressed the council under citizen good and welfare: Lorraine Corey, Pauline Riel and Jeanne Martin

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the minutes of the liquor hearings held October 29th and December 17th and regular meeting held December 15, 2014 be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilors Gendron and Murray it is voted that the consent agenda be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

15 M 1 A communication from the Mayor appointing Community Development Advisory Committee.

15 CO 1 A communication from Planning & Development Director regarding proposed zoning amendment.

15 CO 2 A communication from Finance Director regarding RFP-Hospital Appraisal bid.

15 LC 01 Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted that the following licenses be granted, a voice vote on same being unanimous: 1 application for Class F license, 1 application for Cass F & entertainment license, 11 applications for renewal of quarterly entertainment licenses and 1 application for renewal of rooming house license.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted to remove the application for quarterly entertainment license of Rick's Bar & Grill.

15 LC 2 Application of John Kachittavong d/b/a Star Bubble Tea to hold a Class BL license at 177 Front Street, which was advertised for hearing on this date, is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilmen Gendron and Jalette it is voted that the license be granted, a voice

vote on same being unanimous. The applicant addressed the council.

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted to dispense with the regular order of business and take up the following:

15 R 9 A resolution appointing members of the Woonsocket School Board is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilman Jalette it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted to amend the resolution by deleting “Board” and in its place insert “Committee”.

15 CO 1 Request of Council President Brien to address the following items: World War II Memorial Park, Mayoral Academy and Assessing Division.

15 CO 2 Request of Councilman Gendron to address the following items: Monthly financial reports and financial condition of the City. November 2014 update and Woonsocket Education Department Fiscal Year 2014/2015 budget status and Fiscal Year 2014 audited financial statements, police and fire contracts, World War II Veterans’ Memorial

State Park, Mayoral Charter School, civilian dispatch and water treatment plant.

The following remarks are made under good and welfare:

President Brien wished all a happy, healthy and peaceful new year.

Councilman Jalette spoke to Public Works Director about plowing of a portion of Chestnut Street. He spoke about fundraiser he is organizing to raise funds for Senior Services.

Councilman Mancieri requested an update on vacant positions, controller, treasurer, assessor, purchasing agent and fiscal officer. He spoke about cleaning up of election rules to resolve primary elections.

Councilman Moreau asked about status of former Wal-Mart site.

Councilwoman Murray asked about status of ice skating rink. She spoke to Public Works Director about trash and overgrowth on River Street.

Councilman Beauchamp wished everyone a happy, healthy new year. He welcomed the new school committee member and thanked Ms. Pawlina and Mr. Chattman.

Councilman Gendron wished everyone a happy new year.

14 O 63 An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 entitled “Traffic” of the Code of Ordinances, which was passed for the first time on December 15th, is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the ordinance be passed, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

14 O 67 An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 15 entitled “Parks and Recreation” of the Code of Ordinances which was passed for the first time on December 15th, is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Moreau it is voted that the ordinance be passed, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

15 O 1 An ordinance in amendment of Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket Appendix C entitled “Zoning” regarding passenger terminal is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Mancieri it is voted that the ordinance be tabled and advertised for public hearing on February 2nd, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

15 R 1 A resolution requesting the Woonsocket delegation to the General Assembly to introduce legislation, support and pass legislation pertaining to Budget Commission and the Rhode Island Open Meetings Act is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilors Gendron and Murray it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

15 R 2 A resolution memorializing the General Assembly from Woonsocket to introduce legislation and urge support to pass legislation pertaining to Budget Commissions, appointments and duties is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

15 R 3 A resolution requesting the General Assembly from Woonsocket to introduce legislation pertaining to historic tax credits for distressed communities is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilman Jalette it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

15 R 4 A resolution requesting the General Assembly delegation from Woonsocket to introduce legislation and urge passage of legislation pertaining to an affordable (Low income) housing laws is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilmen Jalette and Moreau it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous

15 R 5 A resolution requesting the General Assembly delegation from Woonsocket to introduce legislation pertaining to public hearings is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the resolution be amended as follows: In section 1, delete “two weeks to three weeks” and in its place insert “from three weeks to two weeks”. This amendment is voted on and passed unanimously.

15 R 6 A resolution granting permission to use city property is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

15 R 7 A resolution granting permission to use city property is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

15 R 8 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of certain taxes is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilors Beauchamp and Murray it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

15 R 10 A resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation refunding bonds is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the meeting be and it is hereby adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

Attest:

Christina Harmon-Duarte

City Clerk